

Hon. H. W. Allen Defends Record of Government at Meeting Held at Clairmont

Hon. Hugh Allen stoutly defended the record of the provincial government at a meeting held at Clairmont on Tuesday afternoon. This was one of a series of meetings which the minister held throughout his constituency.

His chair was occupied by Mr. Gullaugson, who said that the reason the U. P. A. had not met recently was because the government had always felt secure in its position, and he predicted that such feeling would be justified at the next election.

Mr. L. V. Macklin, who was the first speaker, said that due to the radio and the fact that the organization had a paper which was issued every week, there was not the same necessity for public meetings as there was years ago, when such meetings were the only means of informing the people.

He urged the membership to support their dues, as that was the only means the officers had of judging the party's strength.

Mr. Allen, at the outset of his address said that he would confine his remarks to the most serious problems confronting the province.

The revenue, he observed, which the government is able to collect reflects the condition of the farmer, for the reason that the farmer's income comes from the land. When the farmer gets a good crop, the government's revenue is increased, and vice versa.

Continuing, Mr. Allen stated that in 1934, when there was a good crop, the average per acre of land was \$30. This average was gradually lowered until 1935, when the average per acre brought \$25. Last year was possibly the worst the province ever experienced, when earnings per acre were \$19.25.

Mr. Allen made it quite clear that the provincial government was giving every possible support to the farmer. He pointed out that the Dominion government, while the province, he observed, has not been able to do so, the provincial government does not hesitate

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Peace River Calf Wins Fourth at Toronto Royal

Miss Peace River, a yearling cross here better stood fourth in the grade and cross breed calf contest at the Toronto Royal Show.

In the spring of 1932 a pure bred Angus cow was purchased from the Gully farm at Clairmont by W. J. Thompson. This cow was the dam of the yearling calf.

The calf, which was born on the farm, was the result of a cross between the pure bred Angus cow and a bull of the University of Alberta in the fall of 1933 to be fitted for the Royal Show and shown there by the University.

When Mr. Thompson came to the Peace River, he was told that the calf was being sold to the live stock industry, and it was probably a yearling.

It is gratifying to many to see a live stock prize from the Peace River when so much talk is being heard regarding such prizes, and it is hoped Miss Peace River II will win a first prize.

Mr. Thompson made a large amount of live stock work for the Peace River, of which work the above is an interesting little incident.

Trucks Crossing Big Smoky at Moody's Crossing

At the beginning of the week trucks started crossing the Big Smoky at Moody's Crossing with some difficulty and a lot of work that an ice bridge was finally made over the river.

A boom of logs was strung across the Big Smoky some time ago, and the logs, which gradually thickened up, were used to build a bridge. Water was poured on the logs, which made them slicker and more slippery.

The Peace is still open and a ferry is tied up for the winter. This makes the Sturgeon Lake cut-off the only connecting line between the north and south of the Peace at present.

United Sunday Schools to Hold Xmas Concert

The Junior Sunday school of St. Paul's United Church will hold a Christmas party on Friday evening, at 8 p.m. A variety and interesting Christmas program will be presented.

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DOMINION CREDIT AT AN "ALL TIME HIGH"

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Dominion credit at an "all time high," as reflected in the price of government bonds was proclaimed in financial circles here today.

The financial situation in the fifteen-year bonds which then sold at 96½, were up to 103 bid Tuesday.

The similar air-tight in the bond market is continued by the financial administration, the government as evidence of confidence and of recovery.

G. P. W. I. Will Fill Christmas Hampers

At the annual meeting of the G. P. W. I. held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Thomson on Thursday, December 6, it was decided to again fill Christmas hampers for the needy.

In order to give all who wish an opportunity to contribute towards this work, a "show" will be held at the home of Mrs. C. B. Bell, where clothing, toys, groceries or food, clothing, etc., will be received up to Friday, December 13.

The secretary's annual report was read by Mrs. M. M. Morrison, who in splendid resume of the year's activities, Mrs. Hillman read the treasurer's report, showing a very satisfactory year from the financial point of view.

Mrs. D. W. Patterson, convener of the nominating committee, offered the following officers for the coming year, which was unanimously accepted.

President—Mrs. A. Wilburt. First Vice-President—Mrs. L. J. O'Brien. Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. Akin. Secretary—Mrs. Griffiths.

Directors—Mrs. C. B. Bell, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Mrs. W. S. Harper and Mrs. A. Akin.

Publicity—Mrs. J. C. Charters. In addition, Mrs. O'Brien, convener of Education, Mrs. Akin of Agriculture, Mrs. Charters of Canadian Industries, Mrs. Thompson of Home Economics, and Mrs. Bell of Legislation.

A program committee, consisting of Mrs. Akin, Mrs. Charters, and Mrs. O'Brien, convener, was appointed to prepare a program for the coming year. Program suggestions were given in answer to the roll call.

Charged with Evading Payment Custom Duties

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—In five provinces of the Dominion and in the United States, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Tuesday night sought \$100,000 in unpaid customs duties.

The warrant charged conspiracy to evade payment of more than \$100,000 in unpaid customs duties on liquor shipments. The warrant was issued by the Montreal court.

In the list of accused are four French-Canadian businessmen, including J. L. Lacombe, president of the Lacombe Corporation, and J. L. Lacombe, vice-president, and Harry and Abraham.

LATEST NEWS FLASHES

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Foreign ministers and diplomats in six European capitals watched today with profound interest the report of the move by Premier Mussolini for a six-power pact to replace the League of Nations.

The idea, tentatively put forth in Italy, is being discussed in France, Germany and Italy by the League of Nations.

Calais, Dec. 12.—First British troops to set foot on French soil since the conclusion of the Great War landed here Wednesday night. The contingent is part of Great Britain's contribution to the international force for the maintenance of peace in the Rhine area.

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BOND ISSUE OF PROVINCE SELLS AT RECORD LOW COST

EDMONTON, Dec. 12.—Sale of a \$5,000,000 long-term bond issue at the lowest cost in the province in its history of such flotations was announced today by Premier Read.

The successful tender carried a price of 95.127, or a cost to the province of 4.86½ per cent interest. Much gratification was felt in government circles over this bond issue. Edmonton financiers also were greatly interested.

Congratulations Pouring in on Wheat King

As was to be expected the new wheat king, Jack Allsop, is in receipt of many letters of congratulations, among which are the following:

Government House, Edmonton, Alberta, December 5th, 1934. J. H. Allsop, Esq., Vancouver, Alberta. My dear Sir:

I wish to congratulate you very heartily upon your success in winning the championship of the Western Grain Exhibition and upon the honor of being named "Wheat King" of the province.

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Jack Allsop Owes Splendid Success To His Mother

Many a man owes his success in life to the influence of his mother. Jack Allsop, who recently won the world's championship in wheat gives the credit for his winning the coveted title to his mother, who unfortunately passed away on March 2 of this year.

In the fall of 1934, when Jack Allsop was in his eighth year, he visited the Allsop home and tried to interest Mr. Allsop in exhibiting grain. Mr. Allsop replied that he had not the patience for the time, and suggested that he take the matter up with his mother, who, he said, was like his mother in that he had lost of patience.

Mr. Allsop took it upon the advice and gave Jack and his mother their first lesson in preparing grain for show purposes. And up to the time Mr. Allsop took it she worked patiently with her son, assisting him in every way and encouraging him.

Trillium's representative the mother's influence on the son, said. "If his mother had a dying wish, it would have been that Jack win the world's championship in wheat and other grains."

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The total vote cast was also a record in Vancouver. The McGeer vote totalled 34,481, against the 9,021 for Mayor L. E. Taylor, the veterans of Vancouver politics, whose eleventh year of office in the mayor's chair saw him swept aside under an avalanche of ballots.

Since 1919 Mayor Louis D. Taylor had been elected eight times, the last three having been for terms of two years each. Before that he had held office for eleven years, having been elected in 1908, and he had served since 1904.

It was a triumph of an exponent of the new deal for over-burdened taxpayers against one of the old guard.

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APPLETON NEWS

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HELD FIRST MEETING OF SEASON

The members of the Community Club held their first meeting of the season on Friday evening, and a pleasant time was spent by all. The new officers are: President, John Wheeler; Vice-President, Dave Ross; Secretary-Treasurer, Stanley McNeil. What the master of a young men's club meeting during the Christmas holidays?

Rev. R. Sample of Beaver Lodge held an Anglican service at the schoolhouse on Sunday.

Miss Sutherland of Hythe is visiting with Miss Dot Baird.

Messrs. McArthur and McKay left on Saturday for some of the Wapiti, to look after their trap line.

SEEN AND HEARD

That the harvest season in the Peace River is extended this year. Stock thrashing and combining grain in this community on December 7, and making a good job of the same.

Ed setting up a new Atwater tank this week.

We note that the editor carried in his column of "Along the Trail." That one of the best things read for some time by this article was as follows: "If the Recording Angel, by some system of higher accountability, can tabulate the price humanity is paying for the gold standard and sound money, it would be worth while seeking heaven for the gold standard and see the total and who he charges, it up to."

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HALCOURT NEWS

GAVE ENLIGHTENING ADDRESS

HALCOURT, Dec. 11.—Hon. Hugh W. Allen spoke in the hall on Friday last. Mr. A. Burgess was in the chair.

Gen. I wish we had this weather in September!

Now that feed what is a good price the views we heard on what evening's talk, heard from those we heard a month ago. What a life!

A real nice card party was held at the home of Mr. Tom Funnell last Thursday. About four dollars was collected to go towards the Christmas tree.

SEEN AND HEARD

They say there was quite a time at the "rendezvous" last Saturday night, looking home 'n' everything.

Fred Holmes braving the winter.

Mrs. H. Stenning, the "dancer" was the better part of valor, and beating a hasty retreat.

Seems as though Wes Cope was sitting on a chair when the Scotman came in, and the Scotman's dwarf emptied him into a cream jug.

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A Minute With Montrose

EDITORIAL

It has been a long minute since you heard from our last June. Since then, we have had our summer holidays, the memories of which still linger in our minds as we sit along in the school year. This term, however, has been filled with many exciting events, at the School Fair, Teachers' Convention, Field Day (Grade VIII) when eight dollars to be spent in sports equipment, Dr. Burgess's clinic, Jumpy Dan's accident, and the vaccinations (some of them still hurt).

Well, we reporters have taken up our pens again and hope the ink will not run short until next June.

Rhoda Patterson (Gr. VII), Reporter-in-Chief.

IN THE LIGHTER VEIN

Says Peggy Mills (in Literature Text): "William Tell was a Swiss man."

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GOING—December 20 to 6 p.m. January 1 inclusive.

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MINUTE REPORTERS

Our staff of news reporters this year is as follows:

RHODA PATTERSON

Reporter-in-Chief

BILL CARD

Grade VI

MARION PRATT

JACK LAYE

Grade VI

FLORENCE VOZ

Grade VI

(From Grade I)

Johnnie Patten: "Mr. Meisner is a nice man."

Miss Robertson: "Yes, he is."

Johnnie Patten: "I think he has a nice face."

Johnnie Patten: "I am going to ask Santa Claus for some teeth."

Dickie Donaldson (disputed): "Santa hasn't any teeth; there aren't any in the catalogue."

Florence Voz: "George V made a handle for my mop."

MR. D. CAMERON'S LANTERN SLIDES

Mr. Donald Cameron, from Edmonton, showed some slides at the Capital Theatre to the pupils of the High and Public Schools, and gave an interesting talk before showing the pictures.

Mr. Cameron travelled in Europe for five months. He talked to us about Germany, France, and Italy.

Some of his interesting pictures were as follows: A plane in which he did some of his travelling; a picture of the Kaiser in Berlin, which he fitted with war-like weapons; the Palace in Berlin, which he fitted with war-like weapons; the Palace in Berlin, which he fitted with war-like weapons.

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